ACTION AGAINST OFFICER OF FARIDABAD TELECOM. DISTRICT

2482. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether certain officials of the Faridabad Telecom. District have been prosecuted recently by the Consumer Court for their lapses on various charges; if so, the full details thereof;

(b) what Departmental action has been taken against those officials so far; and

(c) whether certain officials continue to remain posted in Faridabad Telecom District for over five years due to political pressures; if so, the facts thereof and what concrete measures are being taken to improve administrative functioning of the Faridabad District Telecom Office ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes, Sir. The lapses pointed out by the Consumer Court related to delay in providing telephone connections and delay in implementation of the Consumer Court orders.

(b) Departmental Action has been initiated to fix the responsibility.

(c) No officials continue to remain posted in Faridabad Telecom. District for over five years due to political pressure. For strengthening the administrative set up, Faridabad Telecom. District is now headed by the Senior Administrative Grade officer.

नई टेलीफोन निर्देशिका

2483. **श्री सुशील कुमार संभाजीराव शिन्दे :** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड कब तक नई टेलीफोन निर्देशिका प्रकाशित करने का विचार रखता है;

(ख) क्या इस टेलीफोन निर्देशिका में फैक्स नम्बर भी शामिल किए जायेंगे ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) दिल्ली और बंबई के लिए टेलीफोन डायरेक्टरी का अगला संस्करण क्रमश: मई/जून, 1994 और जुलाई, 94 तक जारी किए जाने की संभावना है ।

(ख) जी नहीं ।

(ग) उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) अखिल भारतीय फैक्स डायरेक्टरी अलग से प्रकाशित की जा रही है ।

OPENING OF NEW POST OFFICES IN MADHYA PRADESH

2484. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the criteria followed for opening of new post offices in the urban, rural and tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh ;

(b) whether it is a fact that New Post Offices are not being opened due to non-availability of accommodation and funds ;

(c) what is the present number of Post Offices and the average number of people served by each post office ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to open more post offices in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) The criteria prescribed for opening new post offices in Urban, Rural and Tribal areas are given in the Statement (*see* below).

(b) Post Offices are opened according to Departmental norms, availability of funds and annual targets fixed. Non-availability of accommodation is not a constraint in opening post offices in Madhya Pradesh.